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Dear J.P.R.D Whorlow,

Thank you for your email of 23 August in which you requested the following information:

I would like to know how many new 2nd Lieutenants each regiment in the British Army commissions in a calendar year, ranging from 2011-2016.

In addition, I would like to know how many applications each regiment received during the regimental selection boards e.g. how many officer cadets selected the Parachute Regiment as one of their desired regiments in 2015.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of our recorded information, I have established that we hold some of the information requested.

Under Section 16 of the Act (Advice and Assistance) you may find it helpful to note that not all Officer Cadets commission as 2nd Lieutenants. For a number of reasons, such as having former Officer Service (Regular/Mobilised/Reservist), they may commission as Lieutenant. Final commissioning results are publically available in the London Gazette. To be helpful, I have attached data for you which covers commissions of both 2nd Lieutenants and Lieutenants, from 2011-2016.

With regards to your second question, Officer Cadets do not “apply” to join regiments. They express their preferences on regiments at different stages throughout the commissioning year. Formal records of these preferences are not kept by Royal Military Academy Sandhurst, as to do so could create personal disadvantage. Those Officer Cadets, who do not achieve a place with one of their preferred regiments, enter a clearing system which is not dissimilar to University clearing. Less than 20% of Officer Cadets enter this system.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance. Following this, if you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

Army Secretariat

Regular Army Direct Entry Commissions of 2Lt and Lt between
1st January 2011 to 31st December 2016

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Original Request: Regular Army commissions of 2Lt into each regiment per calendar year, from 2011-2016.

Table1: Commissions where Paid Rank was 2Lt

Table 2: Commissions where Paid Rank was Lt

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		Calendar Year						
Arm/Corps	Sub Regimental Corp	Total	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total whose paid rank was 2Lt when they commissioned		1,010	120	305	60	20	~	500
Household Cavalry (Hcav)	Total HCav	15	~	5				5
	The Life Guards	5		~				~
	Royal Horse Guards/Dragoons	10	~	~				~
The Royal Armoured Corps (RAC)	Total RAC	60	5	15				35
	The Queen's Dragoon Guards	5						5
	The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards	10	~	~				~
	The Royal Dragoon Guards	5		~				5
	The Queen's Royal Hussars	5		~				~
	9th/12th Royal Lancers	~		~				
	The Queen's Royal Lancers	~		~				
	The Royal Lancers *	5						5
	The King's Royal Hussars	5	~	~				5
	The Light Dragoons	5	~					~
	Royal Tank Regiment	15	~	~				5
	Royal Regiment of Artillery (RA)		80	5	15	~		~
Corps of Royal Engineers (RE)		105	5	30				65
Royal Corps of Signals (R Signals)		70	5	25				40
Infantry	Total Infantry	235	25	65	10			135
	Grenadier Guards	10	~	~				5
	Coldstream Guards	10		~				5
	Scots Guards	5		~				5
	Irish Guards	5		~				~
	Welsh Guards	5		~				5
	The Royal Regiment of Scotland	25	~	~				20
	The Princess of Wales Royal Regiment	15	~	5				5
	The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment	15	~	~				10
	The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers	10	~	~				5
	The Royal Anglian Regiment	15	~	5				10
	The Yorkshire Regiment	15	~	5				10
	The Mercian Regiment	20	~	5				10
	The Royal Welsh	15	~	5				~
	The Royal Irish Regiment	10		~	~			5
	The Parachute Regiment	20	~	~	5			10
	The Royal Gurkha Rifles	5			~			5
	The Rifles	35	~	10	~			20
Army Air Corps (AAC)		40	5	15				20
The Royal Logistic Corps (RLC)		70	15	10	~			45
Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC)		25	~	10				10
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME)		45	~	~	5			35
Adjutant General's Corps - Staff and Personnel Support Branch (AGC(SPS))		25	5	10				5
Adjutant General's Corps - Provost Branch (AGC(PRO))		15	~	5				5
Adjutant General's Corps - Educational and Training Service Branch (AGC(ETS))		25		5				20
Intelligence Corps (Int Corps)		30		5				25
General Service Corps (GSC)		175	35	80	40	20	~	~
Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps (QARANC)		~	~					

Source: Defence Statistics (Army)

Notes/Caveats:

The figures are for Regular Army only and therefore exclude Gurkhas, Full Time Reserve Service and Mobilised Reserves.

The figures exclude Professionally Qualified Officers (PQO's).

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* The Royal Lancers was formed from the amalgamation of 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) and The Queen's Royal Lancers on 1st May 2015.

The figures have been rounded to the nearest 5 to limit disclosure and ensure confidentiality.

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		Calendar Year						
Arm/Corps	Sub Regimental Corp	Total	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Total whose paid rank was Lt when they commissioned		2,325	565	320	475	500	460	5
Household Cavalry (HCav)	Total HCav	35	5	~	10	5	5	
The Life Guards		15	~	~	~	~	~	
Royal Horse Guards/Dragoons		15	~	~	5	~	~	
The Royal Armoured Corps (RAC)	Total RAC	190	40	40	35	40	35	~
The Queen's Dragoon Guards		25	5	5	~	~	5	~
The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards		20	~	~	~	~	~	
The Royal Dragoon Guards		25	5	~	~	5	~	
The Queen's Royal Hussars		20	~	~	5	5	~	
9th/12th Royal Lancers		10	~	~	~	~	~	
The Queen's Royal Lancers		15	5	~	~	~	~	
The Royal Lancers *		~					~	
The King's Royal Hussars		25	5	5	5	5	5	
The Light Dragoons		20	~	5	~	~	~	
Royal Tank Regiment		25	5	5	~	5	5	
Unknown		~					~	
Royal Regiment of Artillery (RA)		205	65	20	45	30	45	
Corps of Royal Engineers (RE)		255	70	40	35	60	55	
Royal Corps of Signals (R Signals)		160	35	15	40	35	35	
Infantry	Total Infantry	635	155	85	125	140	125	~
Grenadier Guards		25	5	~	5	5	5	
Coldstream Guards		25	5	~	5	5	5	
Scots Guards		30	5	~	5	5	5	
Irish Guards		20	~	~	~	5	5	
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The Duke of Lancaster's Regiment		35	10	~	10	10	5	
The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers		25	5	5	5	5	~	
The Royal Anglian Regiment		30	5	~	10	10	5	
The Yorkshire Regiment		45	15	10	5	10	5	
The Mercian Regiment		40	10	5	10	10	5	
The Royal Welsh		20	10	~	~	5	~	
The Royal Irish Regiment		15	5	~	~	~	~	
The Parachute Regiment		60	15	10	10	15	10	
The Royal Gurkha Rifles		25	5	~	5	~	5	
The Rifles		95	20	15	15	20	20	~
Unknown		~			~		~	
Army Air Corps (AAC)		100	20	10	25	25	25	
The Royal Logistic Corps (RLC)		260	65	35	55	60	50	
Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC)		50	15	5	15	15	~	
Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (REME)		135	35	20	25	30	25	
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Corps of Army Music		~	~		~		~	

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